

**§ 418.84 Condition of participation—  
Medical social services.**

Medical social services must be provided by a qualified social worker, under the direction of a physician.

**§ 418.86 Condition of participation—  
Physician services.**

In addition to palliation and management of terminal illness and related conditions, physician employees of the hospice, including the physician member(s) of the interdisciplinary group, must also meet the general medical needs of the patients to the extent that these needs are not met by the attending physician.

**§ 418.88 Condition of participation—  
Counseling services.**

Counseling services must be available to both the individual and the family. Counseling includes bereavement counseling, provided after the patient's death as well as dietary, spiritual and any other counseling services for the individual and family provided while the individual is enrolled in the hospice.

(a) *Standard: Bereavement counseling.* There must be an organized program for the provision of bereavement services under the supervision of a qualified professional. The plan of care for these services should reflect family needs, as well as a clear delineation of services to be provided and the frequency of service delivery (up to one year following the death of the patient). A special coverage provision for bereavement counseling is specified § 418.204(c).

(b) *Standard: Dietary counseling.* Dietary counseling, when required, must be provided by a qualified individual.

(c) *Standard: Spiritual counseling.* Spiritual counseling must include notice to patients as to the availability of clergy as provided in § 418.70(f).

(d) *Standard: Additional counseling.* Counseling may be provided by other members of the interdisciplinary group as well as by other qualified professionals as determined by the hospice.

**Subpart E—Conditions of  
Participation: Other Services****§ 418.90 Condition of participation—  
Furnishing of other services.**

A hospice must ensure that the services described in this subpart are provided directly by hospice employees or under arrangements made by the hospice as specified in § 418.56.

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**§ 418.92 Condition of participation—  
Physical therapy, occupational  
therapy, and speech-language pa-  
thology.**

(a) Physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and speech-language pathology services must be available, and when provided, offered in a manner consistent with accepted standards of practice.

(b)(1) If the hospice engages in laboratory testing outside of the context of assisting an individual in self-administering a test with an appliance that has been cleared for that purpose by the FDA, such testing must be in compliance with all applicable requirements of part 493 of this chapter.

(2) If the hospice chooses to refer specimens for laboratory testing to another laboratory, the referral laboratory must be certified in the appropriate specialties and subspecialties of services in accordance with the applicable requirements of part 493 of this chapter.

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**§ 418.94 Condition of participation—  
Home health aide and homemaker  
services.**

Home health aide and homemaker services must be available and adequate in frequency to meet the needs of the patients. A home health aide is a person who meets the training, attitude and skill requirements specified in § 484.36 of this chapter.

(a) *Standard: Supervision.* A registered nurse must visit the home site at least every two weeks when aide services are being provided, and the visit must include an assessment of the aide services.